



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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John VONEIFF, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1623
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Application Number: 10/091,173) Examiner: To be Assigned
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Filed: March 6, 2002)
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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY
PRODUCING TISSUE SLIDES

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS
OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents
Attention: Box Missing Parts
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request a four-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed April 8, 2002, in the above-identified patent application. Please note applicants are claiming small entity status as a Small Business Concern. The four-month extension fee of \$720.00 is enclosed. Accordingly, the period for response is extended to run until **October 8, 2002**.

In response to the attached U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed April 8, 2002, Applicants submit herewith an executed Declaration and a late filing surcharge for the above-captioned patent application.

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The fees are, therefore, calculated as follows:

Basic Filing Fee	\$370.00
Four-Month Extension of Time	\$720.00
Additional Claims Fee	45.00
Late Filing Surcharge	65.00

TOTAL FEE AMOUNT **\$1,200.00**

A check in the amount of \$1,200.00 is enclosed to cover the requisite fee. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the amount determined by the PTO to maintain the present application as pending, please charge or credit such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1640.

Respectfully submitted,
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